AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the altitudinal errors and runout of a spindle motor <u>for an information storage device</u> having a loading surface, comprising the following steps:

Mounting a material layer on the loading surface; and

Applying a surface treatment to the material layer until the average run-out of the surface of the material layer generated during spindle motor's running achieves a first expected value, and the distance between the surface of the material layer and one end of a shaft of the spindle motor achieves a second expected value.

- 2. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material for the mounted material layer comprises a material selected from the group comprising polymer material, metal material, and compound material.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of mounting the material layer on the loading surface is done by an adhesive.
- 4. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of applying a surface treatment to the material layer is done with the shaft employed as a working spindle.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface treatment is turning.

6. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the following step:

mounting an anti-sliding slice on the material layer.

- 7. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first expected value is below 10.sup.-2 mm.
- 8. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the standard deviation of the second expected value is below 4 x 10⁻³ mm.
- 9. (Currently amended) A method for reducing the altitudinal errors and runout of a spindle motor <u>for an information storage device</u>, comprising the following steps:

Providing a spindle motor having a rotor and a shaft;

mounting a material layer on the surface of the rotor; and

employing the shaft as a working spindle and applying a mechanic processing on the surface of the material layer until the average run-out of the surface of the material layer generated during spindle motor's running achieves a first expected value, and the distance between the surface of the material layer and the end of the shaft achieves a second expected value.

10. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in

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claim 9, wherein the material of the material layer comprises a polymer material.

- 11. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the polymer material layer comprises a material selected from the group comprising polycarbonate (PC) and polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
- 12. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the mechanic processing comprises a cutting processing.
- 13. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the cutting processing comprises turning.
- 14. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the following step:

mounting an anti-sliding slice on the material layer.

- 15. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first expected value is below 10⁻² mm.
- 16. (Currently amended) The method for reducing the altitudinal errors and run-out of a spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the standard deviation of the second expected value is below 4 x 10⁻³ mm.

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17. (Currently amended) A slim-type spindle motor <u>for an information storage</u> <u>device</u>, including:

a shaft;

a rotor, wherein a hole is provided in the middle of the rotor for accommodating the shaft;

a material layer mounted on the surface of the rotor with the surface of the material layer being surface treated; and

an anti-sliding slice mounted on the material layer.

- 18. (Currently amended) The slim-type spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the average run-out of the surface of the material layer is below 10⁻² mm, and the distance between the surface of the material layer and one end of the shaft achieves an expected value.
- 19. (Currently amended) The slim-type spindle motor for an information storage device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the material of the material layer comprises a material selected from the group comprising polymer material, metal material, and compound material.

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